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### **VA Invites Veterans to Make a Health Care PACT**

**OMAHA, Neb., January 28, 2013** — The Department of Veterans Affairs is making a PACT with Veterans for better health care delivery.

Veterans and their families are invited to learn how the VA is putting patients at the center of the health care team at a Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) Open House from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Education Conference Room at the Omaha VA Medical Center, 4101 Woolworth Ave.

A PACT is part of the VA health care system's program of change and improvement. Veterans who attend the open house will learn how the VA focuses on healthier and more-satisfied patients, coordinated and holistic care, streamlined delivery of services and lower costs for health care with this new model.

Staff from various VA health care services will have information booths where Veterans can learn how each contributes to working with the patient in a team approach.

In addition, Veterans who are not enrolled in VA health care will be able to talk to an eligibility clerk and complete an enrollment application. Veterans interested in applying for VA health care benefits should bring a copy of their DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.

#### **About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System**

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>

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